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SUBJECT: SMITHSONIAN/SFCP - RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT TRAVEL
OF MESSERSMITH AND WILLIAMS

1. PROFESSOR DONALD H. MESSERSMITH AND MISS GAYE L. WILLIAMS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENTOMOLOGY, HAVE BEEN INVITED BY R.S. SINGH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF BIHAR TO VISIT INDIA TO DISCUSS THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JOINT RESEARCH PROJECT ON BITING DIPTERA, ESPECIALLY GNATS AND MIDGES, WITH EMPHASIS ON THEIR FUNCTION AS ANIMAL DISEASE VECTORS. MESSERSMITH AND WILLIAMS PLAN SPECIFICALLY TO DISCUSS THE PROJECT WITH THEIR PROSPECTIVE COLLABORATORS, B. R. SINGH, READER IN ZOOLOGY AT BIHAR UNIVERSITY, AND S. K. DAS GUPTA, A SPECIALIST IN DIPTERA AT HOOGHY MOHSIN COLLEGE, CHINSURA, W. BENGAL WHO WILL COLLABORATE THROUGH BIHAR UNIVERSITY.

2. MESSERSMITH AND WILLIAMS PLAN ARRIVE INDIA ABOUT MAY 14 AND SPEND 10 TO 14 DAYS WITH INDIAN COLLEAGUES; THEN TO
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SRI LANKA TO WORK IN DIPTERA PORTION OF SFCP SUPPORTED

RESEARCH (GRANT SFG-0-69551). THIS RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT
PROPOSAL IN INDIA STANDS ON ITS OWN MERITS IN RESPECT TO
SCIENTIFIC QUALITY AND INDIAN PARTICIPATION.

3. PROVIDING EMBASSY PERCEIVES NO OBJECTION SFCP PLANS
SUPPORT INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WASHINGTON-NEW DELHI-COLOMBO
AND RETURN WITH EXCESS INDIAN RUPEES. DISBURSEMENT
INSTRUCTIONS FOLLOW FOR EXPENSES IN INDIA. KISSINGER

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